CUMMINS, JAMES, abdomen.

ADAMS, WILLIAM, back.

McCUE, JOHN M., back.

MURPHY, JOSEPH, head

Non-Commissioned Staff-

POLOCK, OSCAR, groin

Company K-

cavalry.

Hospital Corps--

Total, thirty dead.

simply replied:

upon everyone.

about the agency.

speak for the Indians."

ZEHNDER, BERNAARD, chest.

HODGES, W. J., sergeant, abdomen.

McCLINTOC, WILLIAM F., head.

NO FRIENDLIES NOW.

Hostiles Lurking About the Agency

in all Directions.

PINE RIDGE AGENCY, S. D (via Rushville,

Neb.,) Dec. 31.—[Special Telegram to THE

BEE. | - General Miles arrived here this noon,

but has been closeted with General Brooke

ever since his coming. Until this secret con-

ference is over, it is impossible to ascertain

anything definite as to what the next move

moment as he passed from one room to an-

other, across a hallway this after-

noon, and asked what effect he

thought the intense storm now

raging would have upon the situation, and he

"We never allow a storm, whatever it be,

to have any effect upon our plans. I cannot

The strain of the fearful anxiety, height-

ened by having to carry a winchester and

and stand guard for four consecutive

nights with prospect of, nobody

knows how many more, is telling heavily

Had it not been for the izzard there

today, as the hostile forces, there are no

"friendlies" now, are lurking and circling all

A number of the wounded are worse to

night. The Second infantry leaves here to-

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morrow morning, but for where cannot be

THE SOLDIERS FUNERAL.

Wailing of the Storm Winds Fur-

nishes Their Only Requiem.

PINE RIDGE AGENCY, S. D. (via Rushville,

Bee.]-Amid as wild, blinding and bitter a

wintry storm as ever swept this bleak and

barren country, we have just laid away to

their last rest thirty of the brave boys who

fell with face to the for in the bloody en-

counter at Wounded Knee the day before

yesterday. It was 2 o'clock when

the funeral cortege, with General For-

sythe and Major Whitside at the

head, and composed of fifteen wagons,

bearing the rudely coffined dead,

followed by an escort composed of Companies

A. K. B, I, D and E of the noble but unfortu-

nate Seventh cavalry together with an as-

sisting squad from the Second cavalry.

wound away from the camp up to the little

cemetery situated at the crest of the hill

southwest of the agency. The surviving

members of the fated Company K looked

lonesome enough, with their fearfully thinned

ranks. The vacancy so striking, in contrast

to the rest of the column, caused the tears to

start in the eyes of many a comrade for the

The graves were in rows of six close

together in the southwest corner of the ceme-

tery and overlook the camp, whereupon

Christmas even, those now cold in death had

made merry together, and looked forward

with confidence to just as merry a New

After the reading of the burial service by

Rev. Mr. Cook, the Episcopal clergyman

here, aided by his assistant, the bodies were

lowered into the grave. Owing to the in-

tensely critical condition of the sur-

roundings, with hords of the enemy flock

ing about the agency, threatening an

while soft notes from the bugle and the wail

of the storm whispered the last loving good

The remains of Captain Wallace will be

sent to Fort Riley, Kan., for interment

Those of Captain Mills, who was found dead

in his tent yesterday morning, from rheu-

matism of the heart, from which he has been

a sufferer for a long time, were sent to

MILES TAKES COMMAND.

He Relieves Brooke, Who Takes the

Field Today.

PINE RIDGE AGENCY, S. D., (via Rushville,

Neb.,) Dec. 31.—[Special Telegram to Tag

BEE.]-Late this evening it was learned to a

certainty that General Miles had assumed

command, relieving General Brooke, The

latter starts into the field early tomorrow

morning with his staff and the infantry here.

They go by way of Oelrichs to a point some

fifteen miles north of here. Two or three

of the Indians who stampeded from here

Monday night came in tonight and said

that there were several, now numbered a

hostiles, who wanted to return to the agency

the hostiles. Little or no dependence is

placed in them, bowever, and their coming is

looked upon simply as a result of the blizzard.

Signal Lights.

RUSHVILLE, Neb., Dec. 31. - [Special Tel-

egram to THE BEE.]-Indian signal lights

were again plainly visible last night

in the rough country twenty miles north

It has been repeatedly suggested here that

in the event of further hostilities part of

the state militia might be used

to good advantage in the small railroad

towns nearest the reservation to guard

against straggling bands, inasmuch as under

a general fight the troops would undoubtedly

have all they could take care of at the prin-

cipal seat of danger. The settlers and home

guards, however, are fairly well organized

and equipped except that more guns are

greatly desired.

if they could get away from the main body of

C. H. CRESSEY.

C. H. CRESSEY.

attack, the usual salute of guns was omitted.

Years eve.

Omaha today.

C. H. CRESSEY.

OMAHA, THURSDAY MORNING, JANUARY 1, 1891.

WILL FIGHT TO DEATH

Hostiles Gathering Strength for Their Final Desperate Stand.

DEFECTIONS MOMENTARILY EXPECTED.

American Horse the Only Lesser Chief Now at the Agency.

CARING FOR THE DEAD AND WOUNDED.

General Miles Reaches Pine Ridge and Atsumes Command.

A DIABOLICAL SCHEME FRUSTRATED.

Indians Plan to Burn the Agency With Fire Arrows-Revised List of Victims of the Battle.

PINE RIDGE AGENCY, S. D. (via Rushville, Neb.), Dec. 31.-[Special Telegram to THE BEE, |- Chief Two Strikes and a large body of followers broke away from the agency during the day and started either for the bad lands or some point near Rosebud agency, it is not definitely known which. Word has been sent to the commander of the troops at Rosebud to try and intercept the band. Other defections are momentarily expected, so much so that one well up in authority says that by morning he does not expect to see a single hostile remaining here. That includes now nearly every able bodied Indian except the police, some few Chevennes and scouts. Red Cloud and all the lesser chiefs except American Horse have joined their brethren for the last great fight.

A blinding snowstorm which is fast assuming the proportions of a blizzard, has been raging here since 7 o'clock this morning. A desultory fight was kept up nearly all night at the late battle ground within a few miles of the agency until, by reason of the suspicious actions of the alleged friendly Indians the troops were called in from the field.

Both sides are resting on their arms and each awaiting some move from the opposing forces. That further desperate fighting will occur there seems no doubt. If the Indians should onslaught during this storm they would undoubtedly have great advantage, as they are in their element at such a time and faured to hardships, while the soldiers are not, though of course every hour's delay militrtes to the disadvantage of the Indians on account of lack of rations.

Eight more dead soldiers were brought into the agency after dark last night, being part of yesterday's fatalities. The two strangers found murdered within tro miles of the agency yesterday, are now Jeved to be teamsters from Rushville.

Lieutenant Herman Kranberg, company A. Seventh cavalry, who was shot in the arm and side at Wounded Knee, died last night. Several others are nearing death's door, although most of the wounded are doing as well or could be expected. Francis Schette, troop G. Seventh cavalry, is the name of the other sedier killed yesterday in the battle that took place six miles west of here.

The Episcopal church has been turned into s hospital and this morning contains thirtyeight of the hostile Indians, wounded and captured at Wounded Knee. Most of them are squaws and a majority will die.

In addition to Carr'scommand, the Seven teenth infantry, and all the cavalry they have at Rosebud will be here by tonight. General Miles will also come today.

A scout came in about 8 o'clock last night and said that the hostiles were reassured by the fact that the soldiers quit the field yesterday afternoon; that they had planned to attack and burn the agency with fire arrows, then stampede the troops and massacre the inhabitants, and the report was proven true, to some extent, but the very heavy lines of pickets frustrated and stopped the heilish

A terrific blizzard struck the agency this morning. The air is blinding with snow and the mercury is falling rapidly. C. H. CRESSEY.

THE DEATH ROLL.

Corrected List of the Killed and Their Companies. PINE RIDGE, S. D., (vin Rushville, Neb.)

Dec. 31.- | Special Telegram to THE BEE. |-The list of killed and wounded at Wounded Knee and who have since died, as revised and corrected this morning by the surgeon corps in the presence of surviving members of the companies as the bodies were prepared for burial, also giving the full name of the deceased and where wounded, is as follows:

Seventeenth cavairy, Company A-KRANBERRY, A., shot in arm and side. DYER, A. C., sergeant, chest. FREY, HENRY, head. JOHNSON, GEORGE, head. REGAN, MICHAEL, head. LOGAN, JAMES, head. Company B-

COFFERY, D. C., sergeant, FOREST, HENRY A., head. COSTILLO, JOHN, head. COOK, RALPH H., heart. MIZO, WILLIAM S., head. NEWELL, CHARLES H., abdomen Company C-DERVEEDE, JOHN; chest, Company D-REINECKY, FRANK E., head. Company E-

NETTLES, ROBERT H., bead. NEEDNER, J., bead. Company 1-BONE, ALBERT G., chest.

KOON, GUSTAV, head.

"ELLEY JAMES E., head,

HAY SPRINGS FORTIFIED. The Town Filled with Frightened Settlers from all Directions.

HAY SPRINGS, Neb., Dec. 31,- [Special Telegram to THE BEE. |-On the evening of the 29th news of the engagement on Wounded Knee was wired here. Closely following came an official telegram notifying all set tiers to be on their guard against bands of roving Indians. Couriers were at once sent

to all settlers west and north of town notifying them to be on their guard. The settlers so notified interpreted the warning as a message to come into town and by II o'clock they WALLACE, GEORGE D., captain, head. began to arrive. By some mysterious process the news was carried in a southerly direction and by the morning of the 30th the town was crowded to overflowing. Settlers aroused from their slumbers hastily threw a few blankets and provisions into their wagons and started. In many instances their terror was such that this precaution CORWIN, R. W., sergeant-major, Seventh

was forgotten, and many today have had to

eat only what has been given them by some thoughtful resident of the town. After the couriers were dispatched warning the settlers of their danger, measures were hastily taken for the protection of the town and to reassure the nervous and excitable. Company F, Second regiment, volunteered its services along with many citizens. The town was patrolled, which was regularly kept up until morning. Captain M. Finch wired the situation to General Cole, but up to date, thirty hours later, no answer has been received. If the state will take no action during the next twenty-four hours Sheridan, Dawes and Sioux counties will be semi-depopulated. At the present writing every vacant room, three churches and the school house are filled with frantic people. What the future will bring forth time only

will be. I saw General Brooke just for a can tell. Fears of Storm and Indians. HAY SPRINGS, Neb., Dec. 31 .- | Special Telegram to THE BEE.]-The first snow sterm of the season has made its appearance tonight. The town is full of people who left their homes for fear of being scalped by the Indians. Every house, church and stable is full of people. In many cases their stock has been turned out to care for itself. If the storm continues until morning there will be a heavy loss in stock, which the farmers are unable to stand. The town has had a picket around it for the belt of cartridges every time we step out of last two nights, being the volunteer the door and having had to stay up services of company F of the state militia, but tonight they are out with the authority of the governor. While the home guards to the number of twentyfive have gone north near Beaver creek to

guard the roads leading into this town. It reported here tonight that a troop would certainly have been another battle of soldiers are stationed out north on the Beaver creek, but just at what point is not known. The probabilities are that with soldiers and pickets out between us and the agency and pickets around the town we are safe from surprise from the Indians and unless they come in very large numbers we could probably drive them off as everybody in town is well armed. People are leaving here in large numbers and doubt ess will continue to leave as long as things are as uncertain as they now are.

CHADRON'S APPEAL.

Neb.), Dec. 31.—[Special Telegram to THE Governor Thayer Petitioned for Military Protection and Arms.

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 31 .- Governor Thayer is in receipt of the following telegram, dated Chadron, Neb: "Indians fighting here for two days. The city is full of women and children and no

arms. Can't you order out militia and send James C. Dahlman, Sheriff." The governor immediately authorized the ollowing response: LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 31.-Captain Smith,

company E. Second regiment, Chadron, Neb. Order your company for protection of people in town and country. A. V. Cole, Adjutant general."

It is understood that roving bands of hostiles have renewed their depredations all

ESCAPE OF THE SEVENTH.

They Are Almost Surrounded by the

along the Nebraska and Dakota border.

Hostiles at the Mission. PINE RIDGE, S. D., (via Rushville, Neb., Dec. 31.-Word was brought in by courier yesterday that the Catholic mission buildings had been fired by hostiles and the inmates were being massacred. The cavalry were at once in the saddle and started for the scene They found it was the day school house which had been fired and not the mission buildings, which were fully a mile away. There were over eighteen hundred bucks in the vicinity when the troops came up, but only a few would show themselves at a time, the intenion evidently being to draw the troops on Colonel Forsythe suspected the trap laid, and being outnumbered began to retreat. Then the Indians started an attempt to suround his force of the Seventh cavalry, and had almost completed the cordon when the Ninth cavalry came up from the agency and caused the Indians to retire

The combined forces of cavalry were, however, still greatly outnumbered and returned to the agency after a sharp skirmish in which several were wounded and it is belived some Indians were killed.

An Unfounded Rumor.

PINE RIDGE AGENCY, S. D., Dec. 31.-Last night was one of terror. Lieutenant Benham, commanding the Indian police, received word through scouts that an attack was to b made on the agency about 9 o'clock, before the moon appeared. It was the intention of the hostiles to make a dash in the dark, shoot fire arrows and burn all they could. Following on the events of the two previous days, th. report has had the effect of causing a panic among the inhabitants and pandemonium reigned supreme for two hours Happily the rumor proved incorrect, though about the hour named a body of nearly one bundred warriors appeared on the hills, fired a few shots and retired.

General Miles' Official Report. WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—General Schoffeld this morning received the following telegram from General Miles, dated Chadron, Neb" December 30: "I reported yesterday a statement received from General Forsythe through General Brooke. I am now informed that the losses in that affair were Captain Wallace, Seventh cavalry, and twentyfive men killed; Lieutenant Garlington and thirty-four men wounded; Lieutenant Hawthorne, Second cavalry, also wounded. About three hundred Indians that were at or near the agency at the time are now here General Brooke reports that he expects the same will return with about five hundred Indians belonging to the hostile element. I expect to be at the agency temorrow and re-

Hump is Happy. HURON, S. D., Dec. 31.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Two Sloux chiefs, Hump and Iron Thunder, were nere this afternoon, going to Rapid City to see General Miles. They were in charge of Captain Ewers, Fifth infantry. When told of the fight between the troops and Two Strike's band Hump laughed heart'ly and said he was glad the Indians were whipped. All were bad Indians and he hoped Big Foot was dead, for he made much trouble. Hump and Big Foot were deadiy enemies, and each has been anxious to kill the other; hence the satisfaction over the killing of many of Two Strike's band.

Cificago, Dec. 31.—Assistant Adjutant General Corbin, speaking today of the Indian war said that General Miles reports he has a sufficient number of troops at his command at all points. It was understood at headquarters that the bodies of the soldiers stain in the recent battle were buried at Pine Ridge today. Details of the obsequies have not been received. There are no particulars of the recentfighting near the agency.

More Troops for Rushwille, SALT LAKE, Utah., Dec. 31.-Several com-

panies of the Sixteenth and Twenty-first infantry, now at Fort Douglas, have been ordered to start at once for Rushville, Neb.

HENRY'S CAVALRY DASH. A Hard Christmas Eve Ride with the

Ninth Cavalry.
PINE RIDGE AGENCY, S. D., (via Rushville, Neb.) Dec. 31 .- [Special to The Bee.] - Your correspondent who accompanied Colonel Guy V. Henry's command of the Ninth caviary to the front on Christmas eve had a taste of cavalry dash. The troopers were ordered to push towards the crossing of White river at Wounded Knee creek to entrap, or try to revent the escape of Big Foot of Sitting Buil's band, just escaped from Colonel Sumner north of us. One hour after receiving the order the command of four troops, two Hotchkiss guns of the First artillery under Lieutenant Hayden, and a pack team of fortyfour mules, with eight days' rations, started. Moving out at a swinging trot in two hours they covered some twelve miles and at 8 p. m. they halted to cook supper-coffee for the men and a small feed for the horses. The march was resumed and at a trot and a walk, with an occasional halt, White river was

At this crossing the river was partially frozen, so the horses had to slip from solid ice on the edge to the water in the channel. The moon was full on this beautiful Christ-mas eve and many were the wierd scenes passed in the onward rush—here the poles around which the Indians had a few days be fore danced their ghost dances; here the de-serted cabins; here and there cattle trais which the Indian scouts would examine to see if pomes or hostiles had traversed them It was cold but clear-water frozen solid in canteens notwithstanding the constant shak-

ing on the horse Crossing White river we entered the bad lands, whose curious formations in the moen-light were ghost-like. We reached Cotton wood creek at 3 a. m., having traveled fifty miles on the jump, with men, horses and pack mules in good order and at daybreak the hostile Indians looked down upon us from their Gibraltar and gained some idea how cavalry

could travel when necessary. But little wood and no water made our Christmas morning breakfast short and we pushed on to Harney Springs, some five miles, to cook coffee. Lieutenant Hayden of the artillery saw his gun carriage run on one wheel, the other not having time to touch the ground. This is a celebrated locality named after the Indian fighter Harney. Here seven teen years ago Colonel Henry spent New Year's eve, camping on the ice to obtain shelter from the biting wind, with the thermometor 40° below zero. Here numerous plans of deviltry have been concected by the ndians; here is the divide or water shed for the Cheyenne river to the north and the White to the south; from here with glasses you can see the table land or supposed Gibraltar occupied by the hostiles, which the troops have been watening.

Your correspondent returned to Pine Ridge the second day exhausted, having learned what a cavalry dash required-quick eyes, strong limbs and constant knownow how a cavalryman may upon for days and nights of hard riding, and while I do not wish to join the cavalry, I would not for a great deal have missed the ponlight Christmas eve dash with the

TROOP K BEARS THE BRUNT. Something About the Company En

gaged in the Big Foot Fight. Troop K of the Seventh cavalry is known as the "Jonah" or "Fatal" troop of the regiment. In all of the Indian fights in which the Seventh has been engaged K troop has hom the brunt of the engagements. In the first great fight of the Seventh cavalry against the Indians, the battle of the Washita, K troop's loss was greater than of any other company. Eight privates were shot down in that famous charge. In the Custer massacre K troop was almost annihilated, fully one-half of the company dying with Custer. The year following began the Nez Perce or St. Joseph war. This In many respects was the most peculiar Indian war in all the history of frontier troubles. General O. O. Howard, with several regiments at his back, chased Chief Joseph in a zig-zag course from Oregon to Dakota. Unable to corner his wily foe General Howard so wired headquarters. General Miles and the Seventh cavalry were then sent against Chief Joseph.

The morning of September 30, 1877, General Miles, with troops A and K of the Seventh, was in advance of the main column under General Sturgis. As the little troop rode up a knoll in the prairie the advance scouts reported the camp of Chief Joseph in front. General Miles ordered a charge, the cavalry being supported by the Fifth infantry. As they rode into the fight Captain Owen Hale, commander of troop K, turned to his companions and remarked: "Boys, this is too pretty a morning to die, and it goes hard to be killed so early in the day, but I am sure to go under." Thirty minutes later Cuptain Hale and Lieutenaut Biddle of the same troop fell at the head of their men Eighteen or twenty privates of K troop went down in that charge,

The command of troop K then felt to Captain E. G. Mathey. Fortunately for him, perhaps, there have been no Indian wars from 1877 to the present in which the Seventh was engaged. October 1 of this year Captain Mathey was assigned to duty at 10 South Clark street, Chicago, and Captain George D. Wallace placed in command of the company. His death with seven of his men bears out the fatality that seems to cling to troop K. What adds a peculiar sadness to the killing of Captain Wallace is that Mrs. Wallace, who has been an invalid for many years, is now dan gerously iil at Fort Riley, Kan., and her friends in Chicago fear the shock of his death will prove fatal to her.

THE INDIAN SLAUGHTER. What the Feeling is at the National Capital.

Washington, Dec. 30 .- [Special Telegram to THE BEE. |- Men in the war department and Indian office as well as in congress express surprise at the extent of the slaughter among the Indians in South Dakota. Forty eight hours ago they were felicitating them selves upon what they supposed was a happy and bloodless termination of the threatened outbreak. Private as well as official dispatches indicate that the war has become almost general and the impression here is that the soldiers and settlers, the Indian police and cowboys are shooting down numbers of the warring bands without provocation. Very little criticism is heard of this supposed action of the white people. The treacherous work of the fellowers of Two Strike in staughtering the troops engaged in the disarmament has licensed the latter and every pody else to shoet Indians ad libitem. There will be no complaint at this end of the line if the Indians are taught a severe lesson at this time except from minority members of the house, who contend that the Indians have ground for dissatisfaction on account of harsh or dishonest treatment on the part of certain agents. The legislators who would make a partisan issue of the Indian troubles are very few, for there is not a western man who does not endorse the work of the troops. As usual the belief is targely entertained that the Indians are getting the better of the fighting. The efforts of the little band of

cavalry which followed Custer to exterminate Two Strike's warriors are com-mended upon every hand,

MILES' INDIAN AGENT SCHEME. He Recommends the Appointment of Army Officers.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31 .- | Special Telegram to THE BEE. |-An army officer tells your correspondent tonight that General Miles some days ago preently recommended to the secretary of war the dismissal of the Indian agents at the Pine Ridge, Rosebud, Lower Brule, Standing Rock and Crow Creek agencies in South Dakota and the assignment in their places of five well known army officers. He did this not as a reflection upon the agents, he said, but because he believed a crisis existed among the Indians in that region which would require the attention of the army, and he thought it would be wisdom to have such officers at those posts and in charge of the Indians as would have the authority and experience necessary to make prompt military moves. It is stated that the recommendation received the endorsement of General Schoffeld and Secretary Proctor and General Schofield and Secretary Proctor and was sent to Secretary Noble for his endorsement preparatory to being laid before the president. The secretary of the interior, the report states, took some time to consider the matter, then refused to endorse it and laid it before the cabinet at the last meeting with the intimation that such a stenshood not some from ion that such a step should not come from the war department, as it was interference with the business of another department, The president, it is stated, came to the con-clusion that the interior department was able o handle the Indian question, for the present at least, and there it dropped. Had it succeeded it is likely it would have led to the ultimate transfer of all the Indians to the war department, a move which has been agitated for some time and which is very popular in congress.

A PACKING HOUSE FAILURE.

Green & Sons of Couscil Bluffs Assign with Liabilities of \$75,000.

There was much surprise caused yesterday by the report that the Greendale packing house near Council Bluffs had faited. As it has been generally considered as solid, with plenty of capital, and as it has long been established and apparently successfully managed, the report could hardly be believed. It proved to be true, however, an assignment eing put on record about noon. The firm consists of Richard and Robert Green, who have been doing business under the old name of Thomas Green & Sons. The schedule of assets foots up \$62,400 and the liabilities \$75,150. E. E. Hart is named as assignce.

The cause leading to this failure is said to oe mainly a series of losses from a falting off of the market. There is now at the packing ouse a large amount of cured meats, and this has been held at a loss, in the hope of better prices. There have been some very heavy losses in preceding seasons, and the firm was not in condition to wait longer for a change for the better.

The assets being chiefly in cured meats, readily convertible into cash, the creditors feel confident of getting at least 85 cents on the dellar, and that, too, without delay.

Senate Proceedings.

Washington, Dec. 31 .- After disposing of a little routine business the senate resumed consideration of Mr. Morgan's resolution relative to an amendment to the election bill and discussed the point of order made against it by Mr. Sherman, which was that the resoution was now on the calendar and could not be taken up except by unanimous consent.

The vice president sustained Mr. Sher-man's point and Mr. Morgan appealed and proceeded to address the senate on his ap

After considerable debate on the points of Mr. Manderson offered a resolution vas agreed to, directing the superintendent of the census to report at the earliest possible moment the population of the United States according to the census of 1890 by congres sional districts and counties.

The senate then resumed consideration of

the elections bill and was addressed by Mr. George in opposition to it.

At the conclusion of the speech Mr. Hawev alluded to the shooting of Postmaster Matthews in Senator George's township Matthews in Senator George's township. The shooting, he said, was in cold blood and because the postmaster was a republican. Mr. George said politics had nothing to do with the shooting.

The senate then adjourned until Friday noon with the understanding then that fur-ther adjournment take place till Monday. War On the Underwriters. KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 31.-The business men's league, which is struggling to secure lower insurance rates, has determined to proceed against the underwriters' board in

the federal instead of the state court, and to make the movement national in character. The underwriters' board is to be charged with violating the federal anti-trust laws. The first suit will be brought in Kansas, and if successful suit will be then instituted in Missouri, Nebraska, Iowa, Illinois and Indiana. The business men of the large cities will be appealed to to inaugurate these suits and contribute to the expense.

Fourth Class Postmasters. Washington, Dec. 31,- Special Telegram o THE BEE.]-The following fourth class postmasters were appointed today:

Nebraska-Birdwood, Lincoln county, Mrs. H. L. Roberts, vice C. K. Rhondes, resigned. Iowa—Bingham, Page county, R.O. Miller, vice J. R. Byers, resigned; Dunbar, Marshall county, L. Larson, vice H. L. Marion, resigned; Bittleport, Clinton county, J. J. Brigg, vice W. H. Garber, resigned; McVelgh, Van Buren county, J. H. McVeigh, vice W. T. Dow, resigned; North Merrimac, Jefferson county, J. A. Jalzman, vice C. A. Bryan, re-moved: McGregor, Clinton county, Kate moved; McGregor, Clinton coun Hancock, vice G. Winger, removed.

More Favorable for Depositors. CHICAGO, Dec. 31. - Attorney Mayer, representing the creditors of S. A. Kean & Co., the insolvent banking firm, stated in court today that a statement of the bank's condition by the assignee had been completed and was more favorable than had been antici-pated. The bank would pay 35 to 40 cents on the dollar, besides equities in assets now unavailable. Attorney Mayer says it has been decided to lay the facts before the grand jury with a view to securing Kean's indictment.

A Michigan Miscreant's Work. PLYMOUTH, Mich., Dec. 31 .- An unknown man went Monday night to the residence of Miss Cummings, who lives on a farm, criminally assaulted her several times and robbed the house. She managed today to get out side and call a neighbor, who summoned a side and call a neighbor, who summoned a physician. She may recover. No trace of the miscreant,

Typhoid Fever Epidemic at Duluth. DULUTH, Minn., Dec. 31.-Dr. Howitt, secretary of the state board of health, is here taking measures to stop the typhoid fever epidemic. He addressed a public meeting onight on the subject. Eighteen deaths from typhoid fever have occurred and the fever continues unabated.

The Fire Record. Augusta, Ga., Dec. 31 .- Augusta had a \$100,000 fire this morning at 5 o'clock. A number of stores were burned. Somewhat Chilly in Maine. FAIRFIELD, Me., Dec. 31.—The thermom

eter registered 60 degrees below zero this A Giant Book Concern Curcago, Dec. 31 .- Special Telegram to THE BEE. !- An afternoon paper says that A. ! tomorrow.

C. McClurg & Co., the well known publishers and book sellers, have concluded the purchase of the retail department of the publishing house of S. A. Maxwell & Co., thereby making the largest book store in the country The parties in interest decline to talk about

FAIL TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM.

Western Officials Cannot Agree on a Course for Next Week. CHICAGO, Dec. 31 .- Special Telegram to THE BEE |- Again have the western railroads failed to agree on a line of action for the all-absorbing meeting in New York next week. The vice presidents and general managers tried to agree vesterday and the day before and falled atterly. They were to day reinforced by Presidents Miller of the St. Paul, Cable of the Rock Island, Hughitt of the Northwestern and Vice President

Harris of the Burlington, For purposes of secrecy the meeting was held in President Miller's private office. The result was the same-failure to agree, except that the association must be formed. After the conference it was learned that there was an apparently hopeless disagreement on account of the conflicting demand of the different reads. All agreed, however, that the demands of the bankers for the proposed organization were too powerful to be overacome. Said one of the members after the meeting:

"It looks like anarchy to blot out such associations as the western pas-senger and the western freight and place them and all other associ-ations with an experiment. We all hope it will be a success, but the responsibility failure will be on the banking firms, whi are forcing the formation of the new assoc ation. You can also put it down as a fact that the Alton, the Chicago, St. Paul & Kansas City, the Denver, Texas & Fort Worth and the Kansas, Fort Scott & Memphis will join the association, I don't care what they say to the contrary. The trouble between the St. Paul and Rock Island with the Union Pacific on the Omaha terminals will cut no figure with the new association, but to a man up a tree it looks as though it might cause trouble after its organization.

The Advanced Rates. CHICAGO, Dec. 31 .- [Special Telegram to THE BEE.]-The western roads have treated themselves to a liberal New Year's present in the advanced rates going into effect tomorrow, the interstate commerce commission's decision to the contrary, notwithstanding. Wheat rates from the Missouri river to Chicago will jump from 20c to 23c and corn rates will advance from 17c to 19c. The basis on all rates will go back to the old 75c tariff, first class advancing 5c to 75c; second class le to 60c; third class remains at 42c; fourth class 2c to 30c; fifth class 4c to 25c; A class 4c to 30c; B class 2c to 25c; C, 2c to 20c; D, 156c to 175c; E. 1c to 16c, To St. Paul, iifth, B and C classes are advanced 2 cents and D and E1 cent. Packing house product rates, from Kansas City to Chicago, are ad-vanced 4c to 22c and the only reduction is in the live hog rate of Be to 22c

Chairman Finley Prompt.

CHICAGO, Dec. 31. - [Special Telegram to THE BEE. |- Chairman Finley of the Western Passenger association has again shown his antipathy to half way measures by ordering an immediate reduction in the passenger rate from St. Louis to Chicago to \$5.50, the present rate being \$7.50. This action was ocessioned by the ent rates made by the Jack sonville Southeastern in connection with the Atchison, on the "Red Express" St. Louis line. The southbound rate remains at \$7.50. Chai; man Finley would probably have reduced the rate to \$5, except that it would then have caused a reduction in the rates, via all Missouri river gateways to Chicago.

Mcek's Resignation.

DENVER, Colo., Dec. 31 .- [Special Telegram] to THE BEE. |-There is an apparently well authenticated rumor in railroad circles, this evening, that C. F. Meek, general manager of the Colorado division of the Union Pacific. has forwarded his resignation. As Mr. Meek could not be seen today the report cannot be

verified. Railroad Commissioners Calted. Washington, Dec. 31 .- A call for a co vention of railroad commissioners of the different states to meet the officers of the interstate commerce commission March 3 was

WYOMING OIL WELLS.

More Faith Displayed in Future Prospects Than Ever.

Casper, Wyo., Dec. 31.—[Special Telegram to The Bee.]—Today active operations on the well No. 2 on Salt creek closed down for thirty days. The well is down 1,500 feet and the drill for the last 250 feet has been pounding at blue sand rock. Colonel Dorsett, the resident representative of the company, hopes to strike oil at a depth of 2,000 feet, but having only 1,500 feet of cable and owing to the approach of bad weather, he closed down until more cable arrives. In the last five mouths the company has spent \$30,000, doing assessment work, and to hold their oil properties next season will necessitate an outlay of nearly \$50,000.

Bessemer will shut down Sundry night, having reached a depth of 1,800 feet, the deepest well in the state. They went through about eleven hundred feet of blue shale and Sunday the drill struck a white porous rock formation and the copany decided to close down for the season. Locating is going on at a great rate and out-siders seem to have more faith in the future prospects of the fields than ever before.

Nebraska, Iowa and Dakota Pensions. Washington, Dec. 31.—[Special Telegram to The Bee. |-Pensions were granted today to the following Nebraskans: Original Charles Shumway, Geneva; Oliver Conrad. Clearwater; Gould J. Brown, Albion; P. Lorenzo, Canfield; Norman Ansen, C. H. Bowdish, De Witt; Joseph H. Ramsay, Filley; John Wanders, Hastings; James A. Benedict, Republican City. Increase-Russell Hill, Humbolt; Johnson Thompson, Hastings; David Bardwell, Omaha: Thomas Carberry, Blair; Montgomery Stroud, Arcadia. Original widows—Mary, widow of Elisha B. Beers, Wilber; Anna A., widow of Severyn Leiderman, Lincoln.

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10wa: Original — John Brown, Mount Pleasant; F. Kimberg, Bridgewater; J. Burke, La Belle: Leroy Plopper, Iowa Falls; M. Brady, Campbell; William W. Moore, Polk City; Andrew Baker, Pilot Mound; Henry Feathersen, Vail; John W. Nellio, Cambridge: O. Drake, Newton: Joseph Coneau, Southerland; Jacob Platt, Hopkinstown: George Sutter, East, Des Meines, S. town; George Sutter, East Des Moines; S. Ault, Cedar Rapids; Ephram Angel, Bennet Ault, Cedar Rapids; Ephram Angel, Bennet; Thomas Ryan, alias Thomas Mitchell, Gen-eva; Daniel Storms, Lort Madison; Zenos Scott, Stuart. Increase—James R. Hood, Winterset: A. J. Francis' Urbaua; Nathan Ball, Floyd: James Philpott, Crestsn; B., Brenno, Muscatine; J. Clark, Floyd; E. Topper, Colfax; Robert McCreath, Glidden; Marshall Nelson, Cambria. Reissue—Charles M. Castle, Clarinda. Original widows-Marcissa, widow of Erwin Benedict, Marion,
South Dakota: Original invalid—Beajamin F. S. Dickinson, Putney: Neuman C.
Nash, Canton, Increase—Cornelius McKinley, Lebeam; Jacob Brown, Woonsocket. Reissue-John Feeney, White,

AURORA, Ilis., Dec. 31 .- | Special Telegram to THE BEE. |- Varney Anderson of this city, the well known base ball pitcher, has eloped with Florence, the seventeen-year old daughter of William Doughty of Rockford. The couple went to Beioit, Wis., that Mecca of all Rockford lovers, and were married.

British Consul Lyait Bounced. Galveston, Tex., Dec. 31. British Consul-Lyall has been instructed to vacute his office

NUMBER 197. AN IOWA EXPRESS ROBBERY.

Eight Hundred Dellars Taken from a Car at Aloia.

THE STATE TEACHER'S CONVENTION.

Another Interesting Programme Carried Out Yesterday-A Bridegroom in Jail-Suicide of an Insane Farmer.

BURLINGTON, In., Dec. 31 .- [Special Teles gram to Tur Brr.] - News has been received of an express robbery at Albia, Ia. The robpers entered an express car and secured \$800. Particulars are delayed by a deluge of rain falling tonight, rendering telegraph wires

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DES MOINES, Ia., Dec. 30. - [Special Telegram to THE BEE, |- The foreneen was taken up by the state teachers' convention in a meeting of the general association. Immediately after the opening the chair announced the following committee on conference on the world's fair: G. A. Gates, Grinnell; Samuel Colvin, Iowa City; A. Loughridge, Cedar Falls; W. F. Cramer, Sloux City; F. J. Sessions, Waterloo; E. W. Coleman, Missouri Valley; R. C. Barrett, Osage, Then followed an extended discussion on the subject of pen-manship, the matter being introduced by a lengthy paper by Prof. C. H. Pierce of Keokuk, the general tenor of the discussion being that penmanship is not adequately taught in the public schools. Miss Mary A. Blood of Chleago gave an interesting talk on reading. Dr. E. E. White of Cincinnati, O., consumed the remainder of the session by a discussion of the subject of moral training. The afternoon was devoted to meetings of the various departments.

departments.

At the meeting of the woman's round table last evening the following officers were elected: President, Miss Georgia Warrick; Des Molnes; vice president, Miss Carlisle, Chariton; secretary, Grace Cooley, Dubuque; treasurer, Miss Buchauan, Washington; memper of the executive council, Miss Belle Patterson, Oskaloosa, In the evening Dr. White of Cincinnati

lectured before the general association on "The Duty of the Hour." In the college and university department this afternoon President C. A. Schaeffer dethis afternoon President C. A: Schaeffer de-livered an address and the following papers were discussed: "The Etymological Objec-tion to Spelling Reform," Prof. S. G. Barnes, Grinnell; "The Relations of Secondary Schools and Colleges," Prof. H. H. Freer, Mount Vernon; "How May the Number Seeking to Obtain a Thorough Education Be Increased," Prof. J. E. Todd, Tabor. II, the evening the following programme was resevening the following programme was ren-"The High School-Practical Studies,"

"The High School—Practical Studies," Sadie Rice, Boone; "Manuai Training," George Robbins, Davenpert; "High School English," George Edward, Marshalltown.

The Normal School—"What Shall it Teach!" William M. Croan, Shenandoah; "The Use of Its Methods," A. W. Rich, Lemars; 'The Abuse of Its Methods," Fella Buckingham, Cedur Falls.

In the elementary and graded departments

In the elementary and graded departments the following subjects were discussed: The Teacher Out of the School Room—

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"The Teacher in Society," Miss Etta Supplee,
Des Moines; "The Teacher in Polities,"
Superintendent C. H. Carson, Winterset;
"The Teacher in Finance," Superintendent
Charles W. Deane, Sloux City.
The Promotion of Pupils—"Reviews and
Examinations, What and How," Superintendent Orion C. Scott, Oskaloosa, 'The Per Cent System of Marking and Reporting," Superintendent S. S. Tow Hampton; "Methods of Marking, Recitation Marking and Monthly Hampton; "Methods Recitation Marking

mates," Superintendent George C. Chandler, graded department was taken up with the following papers: "The Herbartian System of School Education, Miss P. J. Saelling, Marshalltown; 'The Sanitary Condition of the School Room," Mrs. Minnie L. Hatch,

Des Moines. The county superintendent's department discussed the following paper: "Ought the basis for promotion in and graduation from normal institutes to be the same in all coun-

ties in Iowa?"
The penmanship and drawing department The penmanship and drawing department session discussed these papers: "Writing in the public schools," Prof. A. S. Parsons, Creston; "Penmanship in county institutes," Superintendent H. C. Hellingsworth, Centerville; "Drawing from an educational standpoint," Prof. C. P. Lumley, Muscatine; "The practical in teaching penmanship," Prof. D. H. Snoke, Des Moines; "Material for writing and drawing in public schools and institutes," Prof. B. F. Ogden, Delta.

The committee on the world's fair met in

The committee on the world's fair met in the afternoon. There were also present the Iowa members of the national committee, President W. F. King of Cornell college and Colonel Joseph Erboeck of Des Moines. The state commission was represented by F. N. Chase of Cedar Falls. Henry Stivers of Des Moines, and J. W. Garnigan of Montezuma; Mrs. Whiting S. Clark, one of the lowa lady managers of the world's fair: State Superintender, Schiller tendent Sabine, and one or two others were present. President Gates of Grinnell was made chairman and the meeting resolved itself into an informal conference. It was finally decided that Iowa must have a creditable educational exhibit at the exposition, and a committee of five from the State Teachers' association, with State Superintendent Sabine as ex-officio chairman, will be appointed tomorrow morning, to have full con-trol of the exhibit, subject to the approval of the Iowa commissioners, who meet here in January. The idea will be to have competition all over the state for representation in the exhibit.

A Bridegroom in Jail.

Sloux City, Ia., Dec. 31 .- | Special Teleram to THE BEE. |- The honeymoon of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Walker is not a happy one. The young people were married after being brought back from Cherokee by the indignant father of the girl. They were refused admission to the home of the bride's parents, and Clyde is now in jail. This mornng Sheriff Magney received a telegram from Sheriff Meader of Hardin county ordering the arrest of Walker on the charge of illegal voting at Ackley at the election last Novem-ber. The arrest was made and the bridegroom will be taken to Ackley tomorrow.

Suicide of a Farmer. FORT DODGE, Ia., Dec. 31 .- [Special Telegram to THE BEE. |-Bartholomew Welch, a prosperous farmer of Webster county, committed suicide this morning by cutting his throat with a razor. The deed was inspired by insanity, superinduced by continued sick-ness. Welsh was a resident of this county

for thirty-five years.

The Weather Forecast. For Omaha and vicinity-Ram or snow; uch colder. For Nebraska-Light rain or snow; north-

erly winds; colder.
For lowa—Rain or snow; northerly winds; order: cold wave. For South Dakota-Light rain or snow; ortherly winds; colder.

A severe storm is central in eastern Kansas, which will cause general rains in the castern portion of the United States, with snow in England and rain in the central Mississippi valley, which will turn into a snowstorm during the day, with high northerly winds and a cold wave in upper Michigan, Wisconsin, Illinois, Missouri, Kansas, northern Texas, Iowa and Minno

W. C. Gondy Dead.

LIBERTY, Nob., Dec. 31. - | Special Telegram to Tun Ben.]-W. C. Goudy, aged seventyone one of Liberty's oldest and most respected citizens and uncle to A. K. Goudy, state superintendent elect, died today of Brights disease.